

“SURRENDER” (Romans 6)

How does faith in Jesus Christ change you?
What is the process by which change happens?

Romans 6-8 Doctrine of Sanctification: is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

Romans 6 Principles of Change

Romans 7 Why Change is so hard

Romans 8 How to apply these principles

Verses 1-10

KNOW THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.

“Know” (vv3, 6, 9) = to learn, understand, perceive. (Hosea 4:6)

“United” (v5) = what happened to Christ literally, happens to me spiritually. Everything that Jesus Christ has done (accomplished) is legally true of me.

Crucified with Christ (vv1-3)

Resurrected with Christ (vv 4-5)

✓ Dead to Sin (vv 6-7)

✓ Alive to the Savior (vv 8-10)

(2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20)

- ◆ Position – The Father accepts you, delights and dotes over you as having all greatness, glory and beauty of His Son. He sees you as He sees His Son. (Col. 3:1-3)
- ◆ Power – the power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you. (Eph. 1:19-21)
- ◆ Potential – the changes that God is going to do in your life is way beyond your wildest dreams. You will never be able to anticipate the magnitude of the changes

Verses 11

LIVE DAILY OUT OF YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.

“Count” = Gr. to consider, take into account, weigh, meditate on.

(Getting the coins to drop) It is faith in action, resting in the Word of God in spite of circumstances or feelings. Reminding myself of who I am in Jesus.

- ◆ I have everything I need.
- ◆ It doesn’t happen automatically.
- ◆ I must apply it strategically and diligently moment by moment.

(Phil. 2:12-13)

SURRENDER YOUR LIFE FULLY TO CHRIST.

The Universal Principle:

Verses 12-20

“Reign” (v12) = to exercise the highest influence, to control.

“Evil desires” (v12) = desire, craving, longing. They can be good things that have become ultimate things.

“Offer” (6xs vv13, 16, 19) = to place a person or thing at one’s disposal.

“Wholeheartedly” (v17) = the very center of your life: thoughts, emotions and will.

- ◆ Everyone lives for something.
- ◆ If it’s not God it will be something else.
- ◆ Whatever it is it will control your life.
- ◆ It is not necessarily a bad thing but a good thing that has become an ultimate thing.

Three Question Test:

- ✓ What do you inordinately worry about?
- ✓ What do you inordinately get angry about?
- ✓ What do you inordinately get sad about?

The Eternal Benefit:

Verses 21-23 If I give my heart to anything more than God I will eventually experience death. But if the ultimate passion, purpose, priority, pursuit of my life is Christ I will experience life.

Next Weekend: **“STRUGGLE”** Romans 7



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1) We all have areas in our lives we would like to change...and it's not like we haven't tried! How many resolutions have you made with great intentions only to find yourself back in that self-defeating rut?

2) What do verses 3, 6, & 9 say about what we are to "know"? What does Hosea 4:6 say happens to people who lack certain spiritual truths? What does it mean to know the potential of your identity in Christ?

3) It is one thing to know your identity in Christ but it's another thing to live daily out of it. Explain. What does it mean "Getting the coins to drop"? How does Phil. 2:12-13 apply to this principle?

4) What does it mean that everyone lives for something? What does this have to do with our identity and therefore life change? How can a person know what they are ultimately living for (surrendering to)?

5) As we embark upon this 5 week series "Remedy: Lasting life change inside out", what area of your life are you most in need of applying these three principles of life change from Romans 6? Make it your prayer.